

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TORU MAEDA

For: DISCHARGE ELECTRODE FOR A
WIRE BONDING APPARATUS

Art Unit: --

Examiner: --

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. S61-279140 published in Japan on December 9, 1986;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H4-263442 published in Japan on September 18, 1992; and
- C. Kataoka et al., "Insulating Property of Plasma Sprayed Alumina Coatings Sealed by Laser PVD Film", posted in 1994 on the Internet web page of Aichi Industrial Technology Institute.

The above-listed prior art are not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of these prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Nonetheless, an English language abstract of prior art A and B is attached to the copy thereof. In addition, an English translation of prior art C is attached with a statement verifying its accuracy.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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